Tonight I had dinner for Leland and Pamela Hayward, and Loelia Westminster, before the preview of "The School for Scandal" at the Theatre Royal in the Haymarket. Lady Dorothy Macmillan and myself are patrons for this performance, given for the benefit of the British Branch of the American Field Service. Stephen Galatti is flying over from New York, to be present.

We dined in the office, then went on to the Theatre Royal. It was raining cats and dogs. This may have kept some people away, since the seats were not all filled. This was the preview of John Gielgud's production of "The School for Scandal" by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. The costuming was superb, and the parts adequately played. There was little applause. Leland Hayward, who is, of course, a great expert on the subject, does not think this production can run long. He was disappointed in it. I liked it, though I also doubt whether it will be popular in terms of contemporary taste.

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I have just read a new essay on Sheridan. His talents were certainly extraordinary. His two speeches on Warren Hastings, unfortunately not adequately recorded, are still considered in British political circles as representing the finest individual oratorical effort in British Parliamentary history.

April 5, 1962 - Thursday

It was raining again this morning. Such has been the case every day in April. March is now stated to have been the coldest month in Great Britain for 70 years.

I have found in all recent speaking appearances an added concern over the probable resumption of nuclear tests. The neutral nations at Geneva are urging the USSR to accept the principle of international on-site inspections upon request of any party, after national systems have recorded an unidentified event in Soviet territory. They are asking the US and UK to give up their position on internal control posts in Soviet bloc territory.

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